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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, be extended for a period of one month from January 2, 2003 up to and including February 2, 2003 (which is a Sunday).

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$55.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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